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Two songs for soprano and piano

These songs were written in 1982 and first performed by Vanessa Smith (soprano) and Paul Crocker (piano) at a BMIC concert in Stratford Place, London on November 5th, 1985.

Duration: Approx. 5 mins.

Stuart Scott was born at Stretford near Manchester in 1949 and studied composition with Lennox Berkeley. At the age of 21 he was prize winner at the Stroud Festival International Composers' Competition and his music has been performed and broadcast in the UK, USA, Germany, Scandinavia and Japan. He now lives in Sale, Cheshire, and his output includes an opera, orchestral pieces, music for brass ensemble and a string quartet as well as many solo pieces, duos and songs.

Please feel free to use these biographical and programme notes in your concert programmes.

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1. Fall, Leaves, Fall

Poem: Emily Brontë (1818-1848)

Andante appenato

Voice

Piano

The musical score is written for soprano voice and piano. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Andante appenato'. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-4) shows the voice part with a whole rest and the piano part with a 'pp sost.' (pianissimo sostenuto) marking. The second system (measures 5-8) contains the lyrics 'Fall, leaves, fall. Die,'. The piano part includes a 'p espressivo' (piano espressivo) marking. The third system (measures 9-12) contains the lyrics 'flowers, a - way. Length - en, night and short - en,'. The piano part includes a 'poco cresc.' (poco crescendo) marking. The score concludes with a 'simile' marking. The piano part features complex harmonic textures with many accidentals and ties.

1

pp sost.

5

p espressivo

10

poco cresc.

simile

Fall, leaves, fall. Die,

flowers, a - way. Length - en, night and short - en,

13 *mf* *mp*

day. Ever-y leaf speaks bliss to me,—

mf *mp*

ten. 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

17 *p poco cresc.* *mf*

Flutter-ing from the au-tumn tree.

p sost. *mf*

ten. 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

20 *mp*

I shall smile when wreathes of snow. blos-som where the

mp

24 *mf* *mf cresc.* *f*

rose should grow. I shall sing, I shall sing when night's de-cay

28 *mf* *f*

Ush - ers in an - oth - er day.

31 *pp quasi parlando*

Fall, leaves, fall.

p *pppp*

laissez vibrer *laissez vibrer*

2. Night Clouds

Poem: Amy Lowell (1874-1925)

Allegro ma non troppo

Voice

1

The white mares of the moon— rush a-long the

Piano

f ritmico *mf dim.* *p (sempre ritmico)*

4

sky, ————— Beat-ing their gold-en hoofs up-on the glass heav'ns; ————— the white

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mares of the moon are all stand-ing on their hind legs, Paw-ing at the green— por-ce-lain

p cresc. poco a poco *f*

10 *ff*

doors of the re - mote heav-ens. Fly, mares,

13 *mf*

fly! Oh strain your ut - most,

16 *mf cresc.* *tenuto* *f*

scat - ter the milk - y dust of stars, or the ti - ger sun will leap up - on—

a tempo

19 *mf* *3*

- you and des-troy you with one lick of his ver-mill-ion tongue.

mp dolce *mf cresc.*

22 *f*

The white mares of the moon— rush a-long the sky,

f *mf cresc.*

25 *f* *mf*

Beat-ing their gold-en hoofs up-on the glass heav'ns; the white mares of the moon are all

mf *mf cresc.* *p cresc. poco a poco*

28 *f*

stand-ing on their hind legs, Paw-ing at the green— por-ce-lain doors— of the re-

31 *ff*

mote—heav-ens. Fly, mares, fly!

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